CONFEDERATES DESTROYING THE RAILROAD FROM APPOMATTOX TOWARD LYNCHBURG, AND ARTILLERYMEN DESTROYING GUN-CARRIAGES, AT NIGHTFALL, SATURDAY, APRIL 8. FROM A SKETCH MADE AT THE TIME.

Program Centennial Commemoration Farmville, Va., April 10, 1965

10:30 A. M.—Dedication of Marker, Site of Randolph House
North Main Street, Farmville, Va.
John D. Wilson, Master of Ceremonies
Invocation ..... Rev. H. Noman Sayers
Welcome ..... Herbert R. Stokes
Mayor of Farmville
Introduction of Special Guests
Introduction of Speaker ..... Col. D. W. Poulette
Former Postmaster
Dedicatory Address ..... Richard Boles
Conductor of National Gallery Orchestra
Washington, D. C.
11:30 A. M.—Commemoration Re-enactment
North-South Skirmishers Association, Inc.

12:00 Noon Military Parade—denoting the cessation of fighting and an united people.
"Traveller", representing the spirit of General Lee leads, followed by 55 marching units and bands, uniformed and costumed in Blue and Gray.
LINE OF MARCH: Circuit of streets centered on Briery Branch Bridge on Route 45, the activities will pass the remaining stands at Site of Randolph House, and the Prince Edward Courthouse on Main Street, to Madison Street, then to Third Street and right to High Street, left at North to point of beginning.

1:30 P. M.—Lunch at Farmville Armory for North-South Skirmishers
Compliments of the Centennial Committee
3:00 P. M.—Commemorative medals presented participating members of North-South Skirmishers Association
4:00 P. M.—Laying of Memorial Wreathes
At Confederate Monument on High Street
At Confederate Cemetery in Cumberland
7:30 P. M.—Military Ball complimenting North-South Skirmishers
Farmville Armory
7:30 P. M.—"Miss Longwood" Pageant
At Jarman Auditorium

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RESTORED McLEAN HOUSE—Scene of surrender meeting of Generals Lee and Grant, April 9, 1865. A focal point in interest at Appomattox National Historical Park.

Photo by N. R. Bowman, Courtesy of National Historical Park

SOLDIERS AND CITIZENS gather in front of the courthouse at Appomattox Court House in 1865 shortly after the surrender. This is a Brady photograph from the National Archives.

Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

APPOMATTOX STATION on the Southside Railroad, now the Norfolk & Western, where Lee had hoped to receive supplies for his men and animals from Lynchburg.

Photo by U. S. War Dept. Staff—Courtesy National Archives

Photo by Phil Thorne Rice Chamber of Commerce

COURT HOUSE

Photo Courtesy of Appomattox Court House National Historical Park

BRICK STORE—Operated by Peers & Company, general merchants, this building was used as a commissary for Confederate troops during the War. It is now the home of the Park Superintendent.

Photo Courtesy Appomattox Court House Historical Park

PEERS HOUSE—Part of The Village, situated near the Lynchburg Highway 24 S., was one of the original houses in the village.

U. S. Signal Corps Photo

LEE'S FAREWELL ADDRESS—Near a popular tree General Lee mounted his horse and addressed his troops. This scene is from the Brady Collection, in the National Archives.

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Thanks to my view of things, it is more to mercy than to us to have been broken down in the flesh. With the light which I now have upon the subject, I would not have it otherwise than it is. Our wounded and diseased and broken down in the flesh will certainly not partake of the joys of the perpetuity cares. I do not therefore, regret the afflictions which have been heaped upon me on account. But what is to become of the poor, thoughtless, improvident and wicked? Those who have spent all of their days in making sure provision for their future, or even present, support, and those who have been blessed with the means of support, and have been disposed to do good unto them, and thickens over him. Is there I may be mistaken as I have been in many things.

"I know that we all are a proud, thankless and unworthy race, and have deserved every stroke which the chastening hand of God has inflicted upon us. But I hope that we have been taught that we should be humbled by a people distinguished by their liberty and their love of it, and not by a degraded race of common descendes of life. I am sure I would not have purchased the privilege of my life, such exhibition of depravity as were made by the Union soldiers here. I do not say that we are not